

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MATTHEW THILGES§ **JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**

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§ Case Number: **4:20-CR-00707-AGF(1)**§ USM Number: **14337-509**§ **Timothy J. Smith**

§ Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	pleaded guilty to count(s)	Two of the Superseding Indictment on June 7, 2023.
<input type="checkbox"/>	pleaded guilty to count(s) before a U.S. Magistrate Judge, which was accepted by the court.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) which was accepted by the court	
<input type="checkbox"/>	was found guilty on count(s) after a plea of not guilty	

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section / Nature of Offense

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) and 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(b)(1) Receipt Of Child Pornography

Offense Ended

10/21/2020

Count

2rs

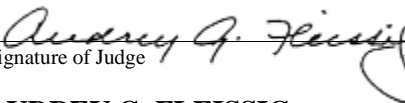
The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 9 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s)
- ☒ Counts one and three are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

September 20, 2023

Date of Imposition of Judgment



Signature of Judge

AUDREY G. FLEISSIG
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Name and Title of Judge

September 20, 2023

Date

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:

84 months.

☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

It is requested that the defendant be evaluated for placement in a facility as close as possible to Englewood, Colorado, or if that is unavailable, as close as possible to Albany, Oregon, or if that is unavailable, as close as possible to Bellingham, Washington to allow defendant to be near family. While in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, it is recommended the defendant be evaluated for participation in the Residential Drug Abuse Program, mental health treatment, and the Sex Offender Management Program (SOMP). It is also recommended the defendant be evaluated for participation in an Occupational/Educational program. It is further recommended that defendant participate in the Bureau of Prisons Financial Responsibility Program while incarcerated. Such recommendations are made to the extent they are consistent with the Bureau of Prisons policies.

☒ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

☐ at ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

☐ before 2 p.m. on

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

MARSHALS RETURN MADE ON SEPARATE PAGE

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of: **Life**.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
 - ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. ☒ You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. ☒ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. ☒ You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature _____

Date _____

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

While on supervision, the defendant shall comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this Court and shall comply with the following additional conditions. If it is determined there are costs associated with any services provided, the defendant shall pay those costs based on a co-payment fee established by the probation office.

1. You must submit to substance abuse testing to determine if you have used a prohibited substance. You must not attempt to obstruct or tamper with the testing methods.
2. You must participate in a substance abuse treatment program and follow the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer will supervise your participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.).
3. You must participate in a mental health treatment program and follow the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer, in consultation with the treatment provider, will supervise your participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.).
4. You must submit your person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computers (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)), other electronic communications or data storage devices or media, or office, to a search conducted by a United States probation officer. You must warn any other occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. The probation officer may conduct a search under this condition only when reasonable suspicion exists that you have violated a condition of supervision and that the areas to be searched contain evidence of this violation.
5. You must not possess and/or use computers (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)) or other electronic communications or data storage devices or media without approval of the probation office.
6. You must advise the probation office of all computers, electronic equipment, and web enabled equipment, including cell phones, to which he possesses or has access within 24 hours of obtaining same.
7. You must not access the Internet except for reasons approved in advance by the probation officer.
8. You must allow the probation officer to install computer monitoring software on any computer (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)) you use.
9. To ensure compliance with the computer monitoring condition, you must allow the probation officer to conduct initial and periodic unannounced searches of any computers (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)) subject to computer monitoring. These searches shall be conducted for the purposes of determining whether the computer contains any prohibited data prior to installation of the monitoring software; to determine whether the monitoring software is functioning effectively after its installation; and to determine whether there have been attempts to circumvent the monitoring software after its installation. You must warn any other people who use these computers that the computers may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition.
10. You must not view or possess any "visual depiction" (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256), including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of "sexually explicit conduct" (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256).
11. You must not have direct contact with any child you know or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18, without the permission of the probation officer. If you do have any direct contact with any child you know or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18, without the permission of the probation officer, you must report this contact to the probation officer within 24 hours. Direct contact includes written communication, in-person communication, or physical contact. Direct contact does not include incidental contact during ordinary daily activities in public places.

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12. You are prohibited from engaging in any occupation, business, profession, or volunteer work where you have access to children under the age of 18 without prior written approval from the probation office. You must not go to, or remain at, any place where you know children under the age of 18 are likely to be, including parks, schools, playgrounds, and childcare facilities. You must not go to, or remain at, a place for the primary purpose of observing or contacting children under the age of 18.
13. You must participate in a sex offense-specific treatment program and follow the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer will supervise your participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.).
14. You must submit to periodic physiological testing which may include but is not limited to polygraph testing at the discretion of the probation officer as a means to ensure that you are in compliance with the requirements of your supervision or treatment program.
15. If the judgment imposes a financial penalty, you must pay the financial penalty in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment. You must also notify the court of any changes in economic circumstances that might affect the ability to pay this financial penalty.
16. You must provide the probation officer with access to any requested financial information and authorize the release of any financial information. The probation office may share financial information with the U.S. Attorney's Office.
17. You must not incur new credit charges, or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer.
18. You must apply all monies received from any anticipated and/or unexpected financial gains, including any income tax refunds, inheritances, or judgments, to the outstanding Court-ordered financial obligation. You must immediately notify the probation office of the receipt of any indicated monies.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments page.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment*</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment**</u>
TOTALS	\$100.00	\$57,000.00	\$0.00		

- ☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until *An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO245C)* will be entered after such determination.
- ☒ **The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.**

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663A, the defendant shall make restitution in the total amount of **\$57,000** to:

PUBLIC VICTIMS _ To be read on the record

Marsh Law Firm PLLC in trust for Jenny	Marsh Law Firm PLLC ATTN: Jenny PO Box 4668 #65135 New York, NY 10163-4668	\$4,000
Deborah A. Bianco, in trust for Maureen-Lighthouse 1	Attn: Restitution PO Box 6503 Bellevue, WA 98008	\$3,000
Deborah A. Bianco, in trust for Ava -Sweet Purple Sugar Series	Attn: Restitution PO Box 6503 Bellevue, WA 98008	\$3,000
Deborah A. Bianco, in trust for Henley-BluePillow1	Attn: Restitution PO Box 6503 Bellevue, WA 98008	\$3,000
Deborah A. Bianco, in trust for Pia -Sweet White Sugar Series	Attn: Restitution PO Box 6503 Bellevue, WA 98008	\$4,000
Katie Shipp, in trust for Jane-Cinder Block Blue	PO Box 4668 Ste #65135 New York, NY 10163	\$3,000
Katie Shipp, in trust for Erin and Fiona-Blues Pink	PO Box 4668 Ste #65135 New York, NY 10163	\$3,000
Carol L. Hepburn, in trust for Skylar and Sally- Jan_Socks	PO Box 17718 Seattle, WA 98127	\$6,000
Carol L. Hepburn, in trust for Maria-Best Necklace	PO Box 17719 Seattle, WA 98127	\$3,000
Carol L. Hepburn, in trust for Sarah-Marineland1	PO Box 17720 Seattle, WA 98127	\$4,000
Carol L. Hepburn, in trust for Cara-Motorcouch1	PO Box 17721 Seattle, WA 98127	\$3,000

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Sarah Byrne, in trust for Ali-ZooFamily1	100 N. Tyron Street Ste 4700 Charlotte, NC 28202	\$3,000
Susanne L. Southworth, in trust for April-Aprilblonde	2522 N. Proctor Street Ste 85 Tacoma, WA 98406	\$5,000
Allison L. McQueen, in trust for PD11	110 North Wacker Drive Ste 4800 Chicago, IL 60606	\$3,000
Kelly M. Locher, Attorney at Jones Day for Patty of the Linda & Patty 1 series	500 Grant Street Suite 4500 Pittsburg, PA 15219	\$3,000

NON-PUBLIC VICTIMS - ADDRESS NOT TO BE READ ON THE RECORD

"Tara" Series (Pro se)		\$4,000
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Payments of restitution shall be made to the Clerk of the Court for transfer to the victims. The interest requirement for the restitution is waived.

All criminal monetary penalties are due in full immediately. The defendant shall pay all criminal monetary penalties through the Clerk of Court. If the defendant cannot pay in full immediately, then the defendant shall make payments under the following minimum payment schedule: During incarceration, it is recommended that the defendant pay criminal monetary penalties through an installment plan in accordance with the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program at the rate of 50% of the funds available to the defendant. If the defendant owes any criminal monetary penalties when released from incarceration, then the defendant shall make payments in monthly installments of at least \$150, or no less than 10% of the defendant's gross earnings, whichever is greater, with payments to commence no later than 30 days after release from imprisonment. Until all criminal monetary penalties are paid in full, the defendant shall notify the Court and this district's United States Attorney's Office, Financial Litigation Unit, of any material changes in the defendant's economic circumstances that might affect the defendant's ability to pay criminal monetary penalties. The defendant shall notify this district's United States Attorney's Office, Financial Litigation Unit, of any change of mailing or residence address that occurs while any portion of the criminal monetary penalties remains unpaid.

- ☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on the schedule of payments page may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).
- ☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:
- | | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the interest requirement is waived for the | <input type="checkbox"/> fine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> restitution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the interest requirement for the | <input type="checkbox"/> fine | <input type="checkbox"/> restitution is modified as follows: |

* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

** Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22

*** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A** ☒ Lump sum payments of \$ 57,100.00 due immediately, balance due
☐ not later than _____, or
☐ in accordance ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or
- B** ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C** ☐ Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D** ☐ Payment in equal 20 (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E** ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F** ☒ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:
It is ordered that the Defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$100.00 for Count 2rs, which shall be due immediately. Said special assessment shall be paid to the Clerk, U.S. District Court. See page 8 of Judgment for payment information for Restitution ordered.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

- ☐ Joint and Several
See above for Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.
- ☐ Defendant shall receive credit on his restitution obligation for recovery from other defendants who contributed to the same loss that gave rise to defendant's restitution obligation.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:
Under 21 U.S.C. §853, the defendant has forfeited all of his right, title and interest in the property previously identified in the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture issued on September 19, 2023.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVT A assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

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**UNITED STATES MARSHAL
RETURN OF JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Date defendant was delivered with certified copy of this judgment: _____

Name and location of facility: _____

☐ Defendant was sentenced to Time Served and was released on: _____

☐ Defendant was sentenced to _____ months/years of Probation and was released on: _____

☐ Defendant was sentenced to _____ months/years of Supervised Release and was released on: _____

NAME OF US MARSHAL/WARDEN

By: NAME OF DEPUTY US MARSHAL/CSO